FALLEN SYNDICATE

PRESENTS

HER HIGHNESS IS A NOVICE

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CHAPTER 5: SHUKA'S DECLARATION

新米陛下と苦労性武官の中華風"溺成"ラブファンタジー!

うちの陛下が新米で。

...UGH...

UUUUH...

UUUUH...

SFX: JUMP

ZE...ZEN-SAN!

SHUKA-SAMA!

WH-WHERE AM I!?

WHY AM I...

JUST WHAT ...!?

HUH!?

CALM DOWN.

THIS IS AN ABANDONED HOUSE IN GAROU'S FOREST.

SFX: SNIP

SFX CLOSING IN
THE LORD LED US HERE.
BUT...
THAT TIME, SHUKA-SAMA USED TOO MUCH OF HER POWER AND COLLAPSED.
WHAT ARE YOU!?
Y... YOU...
PUT YOUR WEAPONS DOWN!
JUST WHAT ARE YOU!?
USING SUCH A POWER
AND CONTROLLING US!
DON'T GET CLOSE TO HER...!
Everyone is scared of me...?

Under normal circumstances,
.....
caused this...
skive
M-my power...
D-DON'T COME CLOSER!
PLEASE, JUST LISTEN...
U-UHM,
recoil
But, due to this fear...
nervous...
If we revealed that Shuka-sama was the Queen,
they would probably listen to us.
SFX WHAM
YOU MONSTER!!
SFX WHOOSH
ARE YOU GONNA CONTROL US AGAIN!?

EEP!
YOU!
TAKE THAT BACK!!
SFX: CRASH
HE'S GONNA GET KILLED
ZE-ZEN-SAN!
PLEASE STOP IT!
HE'S FRIGHTENED!
Stop it...!
ZEN-SAN...!
Please...
Stop it.
...ZEN!
STOP IT!!

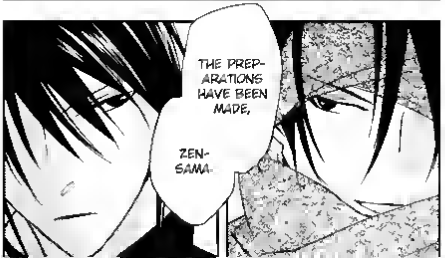
...I BEG YOUR PARDON...
BUT THAT POWER IS A BLESSING GIVEN TO SHUKA-SAMA, WHO SERVES THE KINGDOM!
SFX: OH.
TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO YOU, WHO USES THIS POWER TO SERVE THE PEOPLE...!
Zen-san...
THANK YOU...
But...
But I did manipulate people's hearts.
It's only natural to fear me.
Even though I didn't mean it,
How will my words reach them...?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!!

EH—?
RIN-SAN!?
WHY ARE YOU SULKING LIKE THIS?
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!
YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG!
YOU ONLY TRIED TO PROTECT YOUR PEOPLE, DIDN'T YOU!?
RIN-SAN..

Taaaaate
Open up!
WHA...!?
Wh-wh-wh-who..?!
How??
HEH~ WE REALLY MADE A RUCKUS ON THE WAY...

YOU...!
HOW DID YOU GET PAST THE GUARDS!?
WHOA, THERE

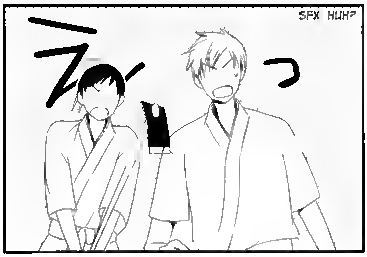
CONFINING RYUU RIN-DONO, WHO'S A ROYAL OFFICIAL..
ISN'T SOMETHING A WISE GROWN-UP WOULD DO, OJI-SAN~

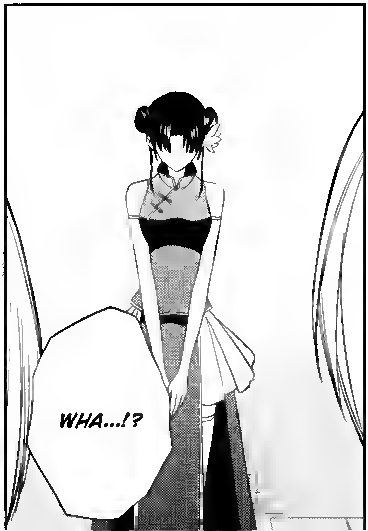

THE PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE, ZEN-SAMA.

AND ALSO, YOU'RE THAT MAD KING'S RELATIVE!
THAT'S RIGHT!
THAT FILTHY BLOOD'S RUNNING IN YOUR VEINS!!

SFX: GRAB
WHAT WE DO WITH THIS WOMAN IS OUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY!
BECAUSE OF HER, KUDZUKI AND MIZUHA GOT IN THIS MESS!

I'M SORRY.
I ACTED RECKLESSLY.


SFX: HUH?


WHA...!?

EH...?!
This can't be true...
Did she just admit her wrongdoings herself...?!
I THOUGHT IT WAS RIGHT,
SO I FORCED THESE MEASURES EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE DRASTIC
BUT I DIDN'T WANT THIS TO TURN INTO A WAR!
THE KOUKA KINGDOM IS IMPORTANT TO ME.
REALLY!
BUT, WELL...
NO MATTER WHAT I SAY NOBODY WILL BELIEVE ME, WHO CARRIES THAT DIRTY BLOOD
SFX: UGH...
BUT, FOR THE KINGDOM,
IF I THINK THAT THE FAULT LIES WITH ME, THEN EVEN I WILL APOLOGIZE

IT'S MY DUTY TO REPORT TO THE KINGDOM AN ENCOUNTER WITH A SACRED BEAST
BUT I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU MIGHT THINK HOW NOT DOING THAT MIGHT BE RELATED TO THE MAD KING
BUT THIS PERSON IS DIFFERENT FROM THE MAD KING
BELIEVE HER ..!
Rin-san..!
This envoy...
For Ryuu Rin to say this much...
That's right.
Rin-san's way of doing things is wrong, after all.
I don't think there's a need for Rin-san to hate herself.
There's no way her feelings will change.

LET'S TALK ABOUT US.
I UNDERSTOOD BOTH OF YOU WELL ENOUGH.
Just who is she...?
THE SOU CLAN ORIGINALLY LIVED IN GAROU'S FOREST.
THEY HAVE SAVED US OF KUDZUKI AND MIZUHA FROM BEING INVADED NUMEROUS TIMES.
THEY LIVED QUIETLY WITHOUT CONTACT WITH OTHERS, AND THEY WERE COURAGEOUS WARRIORS WHO FOUGHT TOGETHER WITH THE SACRED BEAST GAROU.

BUT FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, THE HATED MAD KING DESTROYED THEM ALL.
IN HIS THIRST FOR POWER, HE SET HIS EYE ON THE DIVINE POWERS OF THE SACRED BEAST AND THE CLAN
AND WANTED TO CONQUER THEM.
BUT THEIR PRIDE DID NOT ALLOW THEM TO OBEY.
THE LATE KING, KOU SHUMEI-SAMA, WHO FOUGHT WITH THE MAD KING AT THE TIME,
WAS VERY SORRY THAT HE COULD NOT SAVE THE CLAN.
THE SAME GOES FOR US OF KUDZUKI AND MIZUHA
THAT IS WHY WE PROTECTED THIS PLACE AS A HOLY LAND.

...BUT THEN PEOPLE APPEARED WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN THE SACRED BEAST, WHICH SHOULD HAVE DISAPPEARED.
WE OF MIZUHA THOUGHT TO SECURE THE BEAST OURSELVES.
THEN... IF THE NEW QUEEN, OF WHOM WE DO NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT,
BECOMES LIKE THE MAD KING...
WHAT NON-SENSE!
BUT IF IT STILL LIVES,
SAYING THAT,
AND THEN SHOWING THAT VIOLENT ATTITUDE...
IT SEEMS THAT YOU JUST WANTED THE BEAST'S POWER FOR YOURSELVES ...?
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

That's why they're quarreling like this.
THAT'S RIDICULOUS! DON'T LUMP ME TOGETHER WITH THE MAD KING!!
Both of them really care about the Sacred Beast.
WHILE PLOTTING TO USE THE POWER YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU!?
YOU'RE SAYING THINGS TO MAKE YOURSELF LOOK GOOD
SFX: RANT
In that case...
WHAT IS...
YOUR OPINION,
ENVOY!?
The answer is...
AH UHM, I
SHUKA-SAMA
I THINK
He always gives me a push.
THAT THERE'S A PROBLEM,
WITH BOTH KUDZUKI AND MIZUHA.
TRUST YOUR DECISION

KUDZUKI OPPOSED THAT WITH WEAPONS.
MIZUHA DECIDED TO CAPTURE THE SACRED BEAST WITHOUT REPORTING TO THE KINGDOM.
HOWEVER,
TO THE TWO COUNTRIES THAT CAUSED SUCH PROBLEMS.
I CANNOT GIVE THIS IMPORTANT LAND...
AS IT IS,
SFX: HUH?
DECIDE HOW YOU SHALL DO IT YOURSELVES.
AND ONCE YOU HAVE REACHED A DECISION THAT BOTH SIDES AGREE TO, REPORT TO THE PALACE
THE WITNESSES OF THAT DEBATE SHALL BE...
RYUU RIN AND I!
THE FOREST UNDER GAROU'S SURVEILLANCE SHALL BE DECIDED BY BOTH KUDZUKI AND MIZUHA...!

HUUUU UUUUU UUH!?
HU...
SFX: GRAB
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT REPORTS AND WITNESSES?
WHY IS A MERE ENVOY DECIDING THIS!?
STOP IT!!
YOU PEOPLE...
IF SOMETHING DOESN'T GO YOUR WAY, YOU IMMEDIATELY RESORT TO VIOLENCE!

SFX: GULP
.....
!!!
YOU'RE NO DIFFERENT FROM THE MAD KING!!
RI-
RIN-SAN...
YOU, TOO.
!
SFX: CHILL
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
ALL THE CITIZENS, THE LORDS, AND RIN-SAN...
ALL OF YOU HAVE YOUR REASONS.
YOU DEEPLY CARE ABOUT THE KINGDOM AND THE FOREST,
AND YOUR FEELINGS ARE SO STRONG THAT YOU BECOME VIOLENT.
I THINK THAT'S WRONG!

SINCE WE ALL CARE FOR THE SAME THING,
I THINK WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER...
ALSO, RIN-SAN, WHO APOLOGIZED JUST NOW,
WILL SURELY NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AGAIN.
MISS ENVOY...
.....

SFX SLAM!
SFX RATTLE
!?
ガタガタッ
WHA... IT WON'T OPEN!?
WE'RE LOCKED IN...
SFX SMOKE...
キィ
!?
D-
DON'T FUCK WITH US
!!!
WHA...
FLAMES ...!?
SFX WHOOSH

THOSE ARE... FANATICAL WORSHIPERS OF THE SACRED BEAST...
WH-WHAT ARE THOSE PEOPLE DOING!?
HIT
YOU... WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? STOP IT...!
SHUT UP!!!
STOP SPOUTING NONSENSE!
AFTER HEARING WHAT THE ENVOY SAID...
KEI EI-SAMA, PLEASE KILL RYUU RIN.
SFX PANT
SFX PANT
HOW CAN YOU TRUST HER? IF YOU WANT TO GIVE THE SACRED BEAST TO OTHER PEOPLE, WE WILL...
THE ONE WHO SAID THAT THE CURRENT QUEEN IS DIFFERENT FROM THE MAD KING IS RYUU RIN OF THE TAINTED BLOOD
YOU'RE BEING FOOLED BY THEIR LIES
YOU'RE THE UNREASONABLE ONE!

GET RID OF EVERYONE HERE,
AND TAKE THE SACRED BEAST OURSELVES!!
UGH...
RIN-SAN!
TCH... IT'S NO USE!
THE WINDOWS, TOO!
I have to make Shinshin bigger...
IT'S ALRIGHT.
SHUKA-SAMA.

GYAAH!
WH-
WHO IS IT!?

WE HAVE ARRIVED,
COMMANDER ZEN!
PLEASE EXCUSE OUR TARDI-NESS,

紅工
YOUR HIGHNESS, KOU SHUKA.

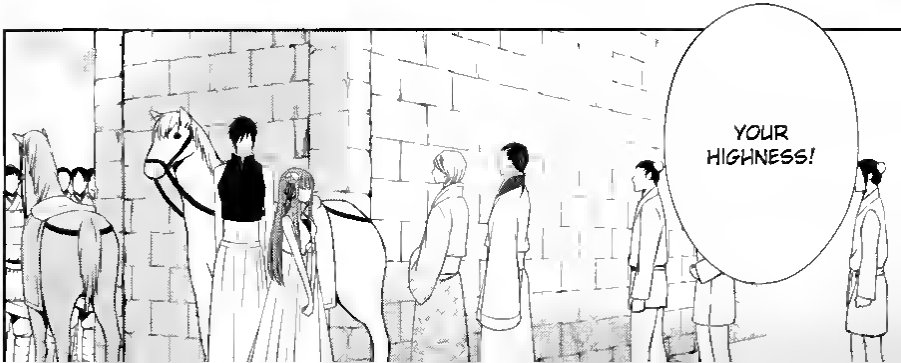
SFX CLACK
HIGHNESS ...!?
HER...
That flag is.....
The elite force.....
As I thought.
SFX GULP

This person is...
Her High-ness...!

LORDS AND CITIZENS!
THIS PERSON IS THE QUEEN OF OUR KOUKA KINGDOM,
KOU SHUKA-SAMA.
IF ANYONE GETS IN HER WAY,
HE'LL HAVE TO FACE US.
SFX WHOOSH
YE...
YES, SIR!

SHUKA-SAMA,
YOUR ORDERS
REGARDING THE GAROU FOREST...
RYUU RIN. LORD OF KUDZUKI, KEI EI. LORD OF MIZUHA, SHI SUI.
STARTING NOW,
WITH RYUU RIN AS A ROYAL WITNESS, YOU SHALL SEARCH FOR THE VERY BEST DECISION UPON WHICH BOTH SIDES WILL AGREE.

THESE THREE SHALL SUPERVISE THE DISCUSSION.
YES, YOUR HIGHNESS!


YOUR HIGHNESS!

HOWEVER, YOUR MAJESTY'S THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS ARE NOT WRONG.
YOUR HIGHNESS' POWER MAY BRING MISFORTUNE DEPENDING ON HOW IT IS USED
PLEASE BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AND ADVANCE FORWARDS!
WE OF KUDZUKI AND MIZUHA .
WILL OBEY YOUR HIGHNESS' WILL,
AND SWEAR OUR LOYALTY TO THE QUEEN!

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THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?
WE'RE TRYING BUT IT DOESNT DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES
UH SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF
DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!
ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?
MANGA
FIST SLAM
WELL UH, YES ACTUALLY

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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
?
IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT
STARE
THIS GUY'S WEIRD STILL MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES

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